from the National Sample Survey Organization. The BPL Census carried out by the Ministry of Rural Development identifies the BPL households. For the purpose of identification of BPL families in the rural areas, a common methodology is used for all the States. For the Tenth Five Year Plan, the BPL Census 2002 has been conducted on the basis of the methodology of 'Score Based Ranking' of the rural households for which 13 socio-economic parameters have been used indicating the relative status of deprivation.

Regional trade agreement

4665. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is working towards a regional trade agreeement with China on the lines it entered with ASEAN;

(b) if so, whether such agreement would further increase the existing problem of cheap Chinese goods flooding our markets;

(c) in what manner Government propose to overcome the imminent threat; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the trade agreement would benefit both the nations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Regional Trade Agreements are formulated by the Ministry of Commerce. The Planning Commission has not proposed any such agreement.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Concentration of poor people in India

4666. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that world's larget poor people are concentrated in India; and